

RECTOR'S CORNER

Stewardship of Our Community and Neighbors

We celebrated Baptism on January 8th, and together we affirmed our faith and made the baptismal vows. In our Annual Cycle of Stewardship, February is the month we emphasize the vows that relate to our care of the community around us and our neighbors. Let me share the last two vows which relate to this month's topic:

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

You see embedded in these promises the two areas of our stewardship of the communities we live in and the neighbors given to us through: a) Serving and loving all persons, and b) striving for justice and peace and respecting every person. These are true challenges for a church and for us as individuals.

This month will see us trying to cover one week of Winter Hospitality Outreach (WHO) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We will have to sacrifice sleep and comfort to do this. Our actions are the love we share with our homeless neighbors. Sacrificing sleep is very hard for some of us and will make our whole week afterward difficult to handle: I know because I worked nights for 7 years and struggled with insomnia and lack of sleep the whole time. So we have our work cut out for us.

If you read the articles that Hanni Bureker puts in the newsletter you know we also contribute funds to different agencies to relieve the needs of those around us. We will have a fund/fun raiser on February 11 to raise money for the Outreach to our community and beyond. Individual members also give directly to charities they have chose, quietly and without fanfare. Our Outreach is meant as an encouragement to others to find the charity that suits your sense of a call to give, which is part of the whole calling of our life in Christ.

In issues of justice and peace, more is misunderstood than I can even write to you in this article. The sense of outrage that accompanies one's perspective on issues of justice or peace is a great block to wholesome and meaningful dialog and learning. I spent the last eight years studying racism in this country, which is unique but at the same time rooted in a human condition which stems from our biology. It's fascinating and profoundly disturbing to uncover what Eric Law called "the destructive -isms" within our own heart. The defensiveness or the human ego which the dawning awareness of sin provokes is complicated by the reflex to fight or flight. But in the period after Pentecost we will be tackling "The Myth of Discovery" which is one of the root myths of racism. It takes a lot of trust, but we can work on this issue because we care for each other and share in God's grace.

My prescription for February is: Find a place to volunteer. Search for a Charity to support. Give your testimony for justice and peace without ever losing control of your emotions. Practice peace and justice in your life as an example to others. Be at peace with the world, and restrain the impulse to blame it all on "them." Remember the vows of love and respect apply to those we disagree with, whom we think of as "enemies."

Fr. Jaime Case



ENFOQUE SOBRE CARIDAD

RINCÓN DEL RECTOR

La Mayordomía de nuestra Comunidad y Vecinos:

El 8 de enero hicimos la renovación de nuestros votos bautismales. En nuestro Ciclo Anual de Mayordomía el mes de febrero se enfatizan los votos sobre la mayor domía de nuestra comunidad y nuestros vecinos.

Déjenme compartir con ustedes los últimos dos votos de Bautismo:

- Celebrante* ¿Buscarás y servirás a Cristo en todas las personas, amando a tu prójimo como a ti mismo?
- Pueblo* Así lo haré, con el auxilio de Dios.
- Celebrante* ¿Lucharás por la justicia y la paz entre todos los pueblos, y respetarás la dignidad de todo ser humano?
- Pueblo* Así lo haré, con el auxilio de Dios.

Arraigado en estos dos votos son dos areas de mayordomía de la comunidad donde vivimos y los vecinos dados a nosotros: a) Servir y amar a todas personas y b) luchar por justicia y paz y respetar a cada persona. Son verdaderos retos para nosotros y para nuestra comunidad.

Este mes nos toca cuidar el Winter Hospitality Outreach (hospedaje invernal para desamparados) que se lleva a cabo en la Iglesia Luterana de San Pablo. Vamos a sacrificar nuestro sueño y comodidad para cumplir nuestro deber. Para algunos de nosotros es sumamente difícil sacrificar el dormir. Lo sé muy bien porque trabajé siete años de noche, y padecía insomnio y falta de descanso todo el tiempo. Tenemos una labor sacrificial.

Si usted ha leído los artículos por Hanni Bureker, en nuestro jornal, sabe usted que mandamos fondos a diferentes agencias caritativas que alivian sufrimiento en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo. Vamos a tener una actividad y comida el 11 de febrero cuando se va a recoger fondos para mandar a estas agencias. También hay algunos que dan directamente a ciertas agencias que ellos han elegido

Padre Jaime Case

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sunday School is going well and the children continue to enjoy the lessons and the community. We always start the day making sure we know each other's names and sharing a little bit of news. We form a community before the lesson starts. The teachers

take turns presenting the lessons and the children are comfortable with that. We really appreciate each teacher-Susan, Sue H., Lee, Cheryl-Lee, Geraldine, Patty and Maribel. Considering we need four teachers per Sunday, two in the morning and two in the afternoon, we are kept busy. I am delighted to announce Rev. Elise Astleford has expressed interest in joining our team. Elise is a wonderful storyteller and clearly loves and understands children so what more could we ask for?

Just one little reminder please, Sunday school starts at 9:15 AM in the morning and 1:00 PM in the afternoon. We do like to start on time and please remember regular attendance will make the program more meaningful for the children.

We have seen the mixed age work beautifully in the afternoon Sunday School so we know it can be done. The older children guide the younger ones as we form our circle to listen to the story. During the wondering time (discussion) the younger children learn from the older children. We then go to response time (play with materials or do projects) and each group goes to their assigned area. We then come back together to form a community for our Feast (snack).

On February 17th we are going to have a family potluck from 6 to 8 PM in the Parish Hall. There will be games for the children while the adults have a little time for questions and information. The children will show us some things they have learned.

February 19th we invite the congregation to visit the Godly Play Sunday School classroom anytime between 11:15 AM - 12pm. Come and see what we do with the children.

Thank you for trusting us with your precious children.

Ebie Mountford

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YOUTH NEWS

ST LUKE'S YOUTH MEETINGS:

We have switched our meeting time back to Saturday evenings from 6-8. They will be the second and fourth Saturdays beginning with a Valentines Party on Feb 11 in the Fireside Room. Please bring a favorite Valentine snack to share, any art supplies you wish to share to make Valentine cards for our troops, and a friend. We will have a party with junk food and games. Come with ideas for our future meetings and a fun fact about Valentines Day or St. Valentine. On February 25 we will meet again and your input on the eleventh will determine our plans.

We continue to sell ice cream at both coffee hours thanks to Rebecca Stephens and Sergio Trinidad. They continue to add to our youth funds. We decided at our last meeting to apply all raised funds at this time to assist in transportation to youth conferences. Great choice.

There is a new movie coming out called Big Miracle I thought we could set a date to go see sometime this month. Or if you have another choice suitable to everyone we can talk about that.

No youth conferences this month so we can stay close to home. On Sundays we can still hangout together downstairs during coffee hour and share our week or plan for future activities.

Parents, youth consists of those from grade 6 to 12. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at 360-693-9197 or if urgent 360-609-2180.

Peace
Donna Greene



SAN LUCAS YOUTH MEETINGS:

San Lucas Youth continues to meet on Sundays. This group includes youth from grades 6 - 12. This gathering time provides a chance to connect with each other. Come and share what is happening in your life. What does your faith have to

do with every day experiences? We will have food and fun. We will gather at 12:30 PM in the Library. We are looking forward to seeing you!

San Lucas Youth Team
Mother Vickie, Lee Wilson, Blanca Maldonado, and Jess Wilson

HYC's and JYC's Dates in 2012.

Spring HYC: March 30 – April 1, 2012 -
St. John the Baptist, Seattle

HYC Staff meeting, Saturday, March 17
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at St. Columba, Kent

Spring JYC: May 4-6, 2012 - Emmanuel, Mercer Island
JYC Staff meeting, Saturday, April 21

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at St. Columba, Kent

ICE CREAM - WHO LOVES ICE CREAM?

Who doesn't love ice cream? Help out our youth group while enjoying some delicious ice cream treats available during both coffee hours!! Lots of choices, take some home? 50% goes directly to help the youth group to pay for things they need. Thanks for your support of this important part of our family!

RUMMAGE SALE COMING!

It won't be long before we will be asking for your usable discards for our annual Rummage Sale to raise funds to send our children and youth to Camp Huston this summer. Get an early start now by beginning to clean out your closets and garage. Our storage space is limited so if you can store your donations until early May that will help us out. Tentative date for the Rummage Sale is May 19th.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

All women are invited to come and share their spiritual life together. Consider taking time aside for a morning of peace and support for your journey. Our next time together will be **Saturday Feb. 4, 10:00 AM to 12 Noon** in the Children's Chapel.

Is there a spiritual meaning in the wounds of our life? How does healing happen? Are we changed in the experience? We will use the example of St. Winefride of Wales and looking at the beautiful tradition and well that her life inspired. Refreshments: Carrie Butler and Joan Wilson.

Conveners:
Mother Vickie,
Kris Lawless,
and
Janet Butler



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY POTLUCK DINNER**For Children and Families****Friday, February 17, 6:00 PM****Parish Hall****Bring finger food to share. Fun for All!
Sunday school information and questions.*****Nursery care provided.*****CALLING ALL MEN!!!**

Please join us for the next meeting, **Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm**. We are reading [Falling Upward](#) by Richard Rohr. We're not far along and the message of the book is accessible to any reader.

Fr. Jaime Case

SCRIPTURE STUDY***Who is the Holy Spirit?***

Come to a class devoted to finding new and deeper understandings of the Holy Spirit. Come encounter the Holy Spirit. Find out how your spiritual journey can be empowered and filled with life.

Wednesdays through February 15**11:00 AM to 12:30 PM and 7 PM to 8:30 PM**

*Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin;
Spirit, moving on the waters, quickening worlds to life
within, source of breath to all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin. Hymnal 506*

Mo. Vickie Dogaru

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began.

As far back as 1000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. (Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses.)

Historically, Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk.

However, if a family had a store of these foods they would certainly spoil by the time the fast ended on

Easter Sunday. What to do? Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes.

JOIN US!**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER****Tuesday, February 21****5:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall****Scrambles Eggs, sausage/bacon,****Applesauce and a variety of pancakes!*****Sign-Up so we will flip enough pancakes!*****LENTEN PRACTICES****STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During the season of Lent, we will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday at noon including Good Friday.

LENTEN MEDITATION

We have booklets of Lenten daily meditations provided by Episcopal Relief and Development available in the church entry (Narthex) starting Sunday, February 19.

Also, there are the Forward Day by Day meditation booklets available, also for free. These can be found in the church entry and on table around the church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING EUCHARIST

Remember we have a weekly service of Holy Eucharist and healing on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM (except on Ash Wednesday). You might find this a meaningful Lenten practice.

FASTING

Traditionally, fasting is observed on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. If not this, perhaps consider "fasting" by eliminating, "giving-up" something that is not good for you during Lent.

SERVE THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING

Another way we can answer Christ's call during the Lenten season is to serve those who are suffering. Consider making a donation to the Episcopal Relief and Development program "Netsforlife Inspiration Fund". Watch for more information on the First Sunday in Lent, February 26 or go online www.er-d.org/Lent/

REGIONAL CONFIRMATION HERE AT ST. LUKE'S ~SAN LUCAS

Saturday, April 28th at 2:00 PM, Bishop Greg Rickel will be coming for a combined confirmation service for the Columbia Region. We will be hosting this service for the nine churches in our region. This will be celebration for those who will be confirmed, received and reaffirmed. A reception will follow the service.

During Lent we will be offering a class for those who want to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, reaffirm their commitment to Christ, those who are curious about the Episcopal Church and those who want a refresher course.

The courses will be taught by Fr. Jaime, Mo. Vickie and Fr. Bob Crisman, Priest-in-Charge at All Saints in Hazel Dell. All sessions will be held at St. Luke's ~ San Lucas on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 PM, February 29 through April 25 (no class April 4). Our Rector also offer the classes on Sundays at 11:30AM in the Children's Chapel. Sunday classes start on February 26 through April 22 (no class April 8, Easter). Watch for the sign-up sheet soon!

WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Four services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes are scheduled at the following times.

6:30 AM (*Language determined by attendees*)

(no 10 AM)

12:00 PM (English)

6:30 PM (English)

7:30 PM (Spanish)

LENTEN LITURGICAL OPTIONS

"And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' Matt. 13:52

For the 10:00 am service, we are bringing out some old things to mark the change of seasons: Starting on Sunday February 26 we will use the Penitential Order (BCP pp. 350-353) alternating Sundays between the Decalogue and the Summary of the Law. For our Song of Praise, instead of the Gloria we will use the Trisagion (Holy God...) and the Kyrie (Lord have mercy...) alternate Sundays. We will also bring out some new things and use an updated translation of the Nicene Creed from

Enriching Our Worship that conforms more closely to the original in Greek. We will also chant the updated translation of the Lord's Prayer which is an option in the BCP and neither new nor old.

At the 8:00 am service, as with the 1:30 Spanish service, we will also use the Penitential Order appropriate for each service, and we will alternate the Decalogue with the Summary of the Law, and the Kyrie with the Trisagion. These two services do not lend themselves to the updated Nicene Creed or Lord's Prayer for reasons that may be apparent to everyone.

With all the options for study and prayer, and the change of seasons marked by the changes in liturgical options, our worship together will be enriched.

The Rev. Jaime Case

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM



"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." These are the words that form the bookends of the Epiphany season we are leaving at the end of this month. The words are those of the dove at Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, celebrated on the First Sunday after

the Epiphany following the twelve days of Christmas, and echoed by the voice from heaven at Christ's Transfiguration, remembered on the last Sunday after the Epiphany, before we slip into the season of Lent via Ash Wednesday. The choir often sings this text in a simple but almost startling setting by the Scandinavian composer Knut Nystedt on those bookend Sundays. In the intervening weeks we follow Christ as he heals the sick, casts out demons, and gathers his disciples for his brief but world-changing ministry. Along the way, we have learned a hymn that is new to most of us: "Will You Come and Follow Me," # 757 in our hymnal supplement *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. The text, from the Iona Community, can help us focus our thoughts about our mission here at St. Luke's, especially after dealing with "nuts and bolts" from our Annual Meeting in late January. "Let me turn and follow you and never be the same." The Choir continues to grow. Welcome, Rachel and Amy! Now that our choir library has been catalogued on the computer, thanks to Beth Femling, we will start going through the files and order more music to make sure that we have at least 25 copies of all our most-used anthems on hand. Growing need not be painful.

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We will continue to meet in the Music Room through the Lenten season at our regular time, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for ringers and 7:30 for singers. New singers are always welcome.

-Tim Nickel, Music Director

TAIZÉ

The Taizé service combines readings, chant-like songs, silence, soft light and a unique chancel display. Come and enjoy the beauty and peace. Our February theme is "Unity". The service will be on **Saturday, February 18 at 6:00 PM.**

Service Organizers:
Den Mark Wichar,
Hanni Bureker and
Melanie Kenoyer



OUT INTO THE WORLD

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

At our January meeting we found out that our regular supplier of crabs (one of the largest at the coast) could not guarantee a sufficient quantity and quality of crabs for us this year. So no crab-feed, alas.



We came up with an exciting alternate plan! Fr. Jaime checked with the San Lucas congregation to see if they would like to have a combined fund-raising dinner together with us. And they agreed. At this point, we are still in the planning stage, but they will cook and bake their Mexican specialties, and we will do the same with American dishes. It will be called ' the Fabulous Food Fiesta" and will take place on February 11, at 6PM in the Parish Hall.

During the business part of the meeting we looked at the regular monthly contributions we send to local charitable institutions, and increased 4 of them slightly for 2012, to:

NW Harvest South	\$ 50
YWCA Safe Choice	\$ 35
F.I.S.H.	\$ 75 (\$25 increase)
Share House	\$ 50
Babies in Need	\$ 35
St. James Family Center,	\$ 30 (\$5 increase)
Seafarers	\$ 30 (\$5 increase)
Columbia Pastoral	\$ 25
Friends of the Carpenter	\$ 30 (\$5 increase)

Open House Ministries	\$ 25
Monthly Total	\$ 385
2012 Year to Date Total	\$4620

Our next meeting will be on February 7, at 5PM in the library. All are welcome!

Hanni Bureker, Chair

WINTER HOSPITALITY OVERFLOW

The rains come and we can go home. We are blessed with a warm house, food and warm clothing but what if you were homeless? Can you image how cold, hungry and scared you might be? The answer is most of us can't even image we know what that would be like.

The WHO is a volunteer program that exists because citizens, like the members of St. Luke's ~ San Lucas, have stepped up to keep the shelters open. You can help. This year St. Luke's ~ San Lucas will be hosting the men's shelter at St. Paul's Lutheran Church during the week of **February 12th through the 19th.**

We are only about half way staffed for our week at St. Paul Lutheran Church and we need your help. If you have not already signed up, there will sign-up sheets available after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services to provide hosts. Let's all work together to keep the WHO shelter open to have a place for our homeless to sleep.



Blessings,
Stephen Butler 600-5739

HATS AND MITTENS FOR SEAFARERS

It is wintertime and we are now collecting hats and mittens for the Seafarers. Please bring your donations on Sundays and add them to the basket in the church entry (Narthex).

Thank you, Your Outreach Committee

BABIES IN NEED is asking for volunteers to help a low-income family of four that just grew by three! The mother is disabled and needs help with childcare, meals, laundry, transportation to doctor's appointments and more. If you can help please contact Connie at 360-901-2891. Donations of "In-kind" baby supplies for the triplets (boys), can left in the Babies In Need hamper in the church office labeled "triplets".

COMMUNITY LIFE

COFFEE HOUR

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Coffee Hour hosts that so reliably perform the task by providing us with wonderful treats each and every Sunday!

Please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, would like to be a substitute host or host a special seasonal event.

Nancy Denny

1-360-573-2415 or 1-360-904-1099



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 5 Slaninas
- Feb. 12 McDonald & Lonergans
- Feb. 19 Hamptons & McHargues
- Feb. 26 Altar Guild
- Mar 4 Wildfangs & Saathoffs

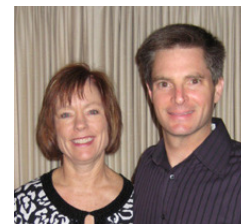
THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch is taking a hiatus during the winter months. We will resume in April so our next Lunch Bunch is **Tuesday, April 10** starting at **12 Noon**. Our program will be just fun playing our form of BINGO called "LUKES". More information will be available as we get closer to April. Be sure to save the date!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

We will gather in February on **Friday, February 24th at 6:30 PM** in the home of Brad and Ginger Harris. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet located by the kitchen door.

Our hosts will provide the entrée while we bring a dish and beverage to share. Come and join the fun!! For more information, please contact Brad and Ginger Harris (360-546-1270). *We still have two host opportunities this year in March and April. Just contact us for more information or to sign-up!*



FEBRUARY PRAYER REQUESTS

For those celebrating their birthday

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| 4 - Doug Goodlett | 11 - Caitlin Oser | 13 - Marsha Colberg | 18 - Marlene Mason | 20 - Kay Andrews |
| 4 - Nigel Clarke | 11 - Daniela Hernandez | 13 - Jennifer Cole | 18 - Judy Morrison | 21 - Nelson Griffith |
| 6 - Janet Williams | 12 - Doris Gressitt | 14 - Dick Berhow | 18 - Mark Christ | 21 - Pat Gutierrez |
| 7 - Russ Roseberry | 12 - Jon Frederick | 14 - Ana Mariscal | 19 - George McCormick | 22 - Don Lawry |
| 10 - Gordon Cooley | 12 - By Henry | 15 - Ed Kaphammer | 19 - Marty Lowery | 25 - Pam Gunn |
| 10 - Stefanie Aschmann | 12 - Felix Gimenez | 16 - Elizabeth Ziemba | 20 - Peggy McDonald | 29 - Roy Brothers |

For those who serve in the armed forces, support organizations and on missions at home and abroad.

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| Daniel Able | Paul Bradley | John English | Chris Jones | Jennifer Whitehouse |
| Stacey Arnsdorff | Nicole Cassler | Ben Farber | Alan Kenoyer | Brandon |
| Ned Ash | Robert Cole | Alex Floyd | Bryan Reeves | Nick |
| Rolando Barba | Benjamin Coon | Jackie Floyd | Thomas Sherman | |
| William Berger | Brian Cooper | Matthew Garver | Michael Shook | |
| Chaplain Bob Blessing | Shane Denny | Randy Gibson | Andrew Steele | |

For those being remember on the anniversary of their death.

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| 1 - Albert Routtu | 6 - Frank Richards | 13 - Alphonsine Martin | 20 - Inez Morgan | 26 - Robert Garretson |
| 2 - Earl Johnson | 7 - Sara Case | 14 - Doris Schindler | 21 - John Erickson | 26 - Lyle Manfull |
| 3 - Fred Sawyer | 8 - Dimmer Denny | 14 - Rev. Eric Werts | 22 - Rosalee Doering | 26 - Polly Roseberry |
| 3 - Robert Owen | 8 -Olleen Castner | 15 - C. Harold Carter | 24 - Virginia Herbster | |
| 3 - Florence O'Banion | 9 - Leota Jarvis | 15 - Shirley Murray | 24 - Ronald McDonald | |
| 3 - Margaret Mortlock | 9 -Jack Bell | 15 - Marge Burwell | 25 - Hazel Hart | |
| 5 - Lettie Yount | 12 - Ethel DuBois | 17 - Kent Anderson | 25 - John Neill | |

ADMINISTRATIVE / FINANCIAL

VESTRY SUMMARY: January 2012

BAPTISMAL BOOKS: A donation has made it possible for us to purchase ten copies of "Welcome, Child of God". This book, illustrated by Claudia McGehee (daughter of Carl and Pat McHargue) will be given to children who are baptized here.

RECTOR'S COMMENT: Father Jaime shared a key comment with the Vestry: *The church does not have a mission: God has a mission that happens to involve the church.* Expect to learn more about that.

FINANCIAL CHANGES: For the greater good of the parish, many previously Restricted Accounts have been transferred to the Operating Budget for 2012.

MOTHER VICKIE'S ACTIVITIES: The Christmas Pageant was a cooperative venture involving both our Anglo and Hispanic children. It was performed at both the 10:30 and 1:30 services.

A major recent event was Province VIII's "Winter Talk" at Grand Ronde, Oregon. The topic was the Doctrine of Discovery. That doctrine, now being repudiated by the church, led to the concept of Manifest Destiny in the United States.

WINTER HOSPITALITY OVERFLOW (WHO): Please call Stephen Butler (600-5739) to help care for local homeless persons. Our parish members volunteer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on February 12-18.

COUNSELING CENTER CHANGES: Columbia Pastoral Counseling Center is downsizing from seven to three rooms in the church basement. After refurbishing, the rooms will be made available both for parish and outside groups.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Please remember to thank the Thursday Crew members for their diligence in maintaining our facility.

Hot-water circulation motors for the Education Wing heating system have been repaired. There is a spare motor now, "just in case".

Recently, the nave was cold because one of the two sanctuary furnaces malfunctioned. A faulty relay was replaced, and all is well – for now. Both furnaces have lasted far beyond their expected lifespan.

Our pulpit, unused since the 1997 Sanctuary remodel, has been disassembled. It will become a display area for the Guadalupe statue and various seasonal items.

The rooflines between our buildings do not match well. Differential settling has compounded the problem. We plan to have the rooflines professionally reshaped during warm, dry weather. This will be done in advance of narthex expansion and inter-building ramp construction.

ELECTIONS: A key part of each Annual Parish Meeting is the election of new Vestry members. We have three candidates at present. Nominations will be taken from the floor, as well.

Three delegates to Diocesan Convention will continue another year, so we will need to vote for an additional delegate and alternates.

BUDGET: Your Vestry unanimously approved the draft budget for 2012.

Tom Amies, Vestry Clerk



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING UPDATES



The annual Parish Meeting was held on January 22nd. Three vestry members ended their term at this meeting; Pete Melhuish, Natalie McComb and Patrick Hendley. Three candidates were elected to a 3 year term: Dena Cassidy, Jim Schlatter and Kira Greene.

Congratulations and thank you for your future service.

Special Recognitions: Four people were recognized for their abundant and valuable service to St. Luke's ~ San Lucas and were awarded the Service Cross: Jim Kimura, Sandra Kimura, John Mathieu and Fr. Dennis Cole.

Please extend your congratulations and appreciation when you see them.

Additional Convention Delegates and Alternates were approved for the 2012 Diocesan Convention; Kira Greene and Tatiana Sullivan. Many thanks for their service in representing this parish.

Financial good news, we 2011 ended in the black.

Thanks to several generous parishioners and the thrifty staff. A balanced budget for 2012 was presented and is included in the Annual Report. Printed copies of the 2011 Annual Report are available. You can find them in the church entry on Sundays, in the church office during the week (Tuesday-Friday) or if you are not able to get to us, please call the office and we will mail you a copy.

Russ Roseberry, Senior Warden

TREASURER’S REPORT

BUDGET SUMMARY

“Dollars and Sense”

December revenues and expenses should be at **100%** of budgeted revenue and expense.



Summary as of December 31, 2011

	<u>Total Budget</u> <u>for the Year</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>of Total</u> <u>Budget</u>
Revenues	\$388,632	\$381,027	98%
Expenses	\$388,632	\$380,795	98%
Net Income	0	\$ 232	

Revenues: Actual revenues at the end of the 2011 year were less than expected by 2 percent.

Expenses: Overall expenses at the end of the 2011 year were less than budgeted by \$7,837. YTD (this is good!)

Additional Comments: With significant December contributions by generous parishioners, St. Luke’s ended the year in the black by \$232. Whew! And, 2012 is looking exceptional with 127 pledge units compared to 105 in 2011; and, already exceeding our pledge drive goal of \$274,561. With budget transfers from selected restricted fund accounts, combined with our pledge income, 2012 should allow us to remain on budget the entire year. Lastly, thank you to those of you who have made your 2012 pledge payment in full. This helps us meet our first quarter expenses without the need to borrow from our savings.

Thank you for your contributions. Please continue your financial giving to St. Luke’s ~ San Lucas in 2012.

Doug Goodlett, Treasurer

MARCH MESSENGER DEADLINE:

Sunday, February 19th

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Contained in this issue is a handy booklet of all the updates for 2011. Hopefully this will help you keep track of fellow members. The updates are separated into three categories; adds, changes and deletes. It is suggested the you manually make the changes and deletions to your directory and then you can paste the additions sheets to the black

Fear not! We are working towards a new directory.

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

FROM THE SAFETY CORNER:

“STAIRWAY SAFETY”

Falls are the number one cause of home injury deaths in America. According to Home Safety Council research, falls on or from stairs or steps are the leading known cause of death due to residential falls. Follow the Home Safety Council’s steps to stairway safety to make your home safer from falls:

- Have handrails on both sides of stairs and steps.
- Have lots of lights at the top and bottom of the stairs. Turn on that nightlight when you go to sleep.
- Keep the stairs clear. No plants, or artwork, and find a different place to store those “papers I’m going to take upstairs”.
- Paint the bottom basement or garage step white to make it more visible. Mistaking the lowest step for floor level can cause you to lose your balance and fall.
- In homes with small children, use safety gates at the tops and bottom of stairs.
- Try to keep the loads you carry up and down stairs small. Always hold onto the handrail.
- It is easy to trip on small rugs, particular at the top or bottom of the stairs. Tape them to floor or do not use them at all.

If you have steps outside the house, keep them free of ice, snow, and leaves. To prevent a tripping hazard, periodically check steps and walkways for broken or loose bricks, cement or stone. Particularly in the spring, when ground thaws may raise them.

Pat Lawless, Safety and Risk Management

FABULOUS FOOD FIESTA
Saturday, February 11,
6:00 PM
 Tickets: Adults - \$10, Youth - \$4.00, Children Free.
International Dinner - Fun for All

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Visit our Website: www.stlukesvancouver.com OR
Call our phone number: 360-696-0181

Listen to the Welcome Greeting, When prompted press "2" for Schedule of Worship Services We will provide a message if the building is closed and/or if any church services or activities have been cancelled.

Please check before you leave home.

If you don't feel comfortable driving in the current weather conditions please stay home. Safety First!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Heart of Wholeness ...a healing & teaching weekend

Includes lunch and two workshops

**Friday, Feb. 10, 7-9 PM and
Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 AM - 5 PM**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver

Early Registration: \$20 At the door: \$30

Contact 892-7770 or 258-0134

More Info and forms:

goodshepherdvancouver.org

THE PRIORY SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Below is a list of programs available through the next few weeks at The Priory Spirituality Center in Lacey. Individual retreats and Spiritual Direction are also available at the Center. See complete descriptions at www.stplacid.org To register call The Spirituality Center at 360-438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org for more information. All Classes require registration by the prior Friday.

Easing into Contemplation \$50
February 11, 2012 (Saturday 9:15AM-3:00PM)
Bee Jay Mar

Mindful Eating as a Spiritual Practice \$60
February 18, 2012 (Saturday 9:15AM-3:00PM)
Carol Spangler, M.A., MPH and Melania Weller, MPM

Journey through Lent (*Maximum registration: 10 people*)
February 24-26, 2012 (Friday 7:15PM-Sunday Noon)

Therese Gonneville, OSB
Without spiritual direction \$140; with spiritual direction \$175

Bowing to the Altar of Daily Life \$60
February 25, 2012 (Saturday 9:15AM-3:00PM)
Jan Lawry

2012 CYCLE OF PRAYER

Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East

February 5	Elderly People's Home - Amman, Jordan
February 12	Ahli Arab Hospital - Gaza
February 19	Theodore Schneller School For Boys - Amman, Jordan
February 26	Theodore Schneller Guest House - Amman, Jordan
March 4	All Saints Community Church - Damascus, Syria

Episcopal Diocese of Olympia Congregations, Ministries & Institutions

February 5	St. Mark's Cathedral & St. Paul's, Seattle
February 12	St. Peter & Trinity, Seattle
February 19	St. Matthew/San Mateo, Auburn
February 26	Good Shepherd, Federal Way; St. Elizabeth/Santa Isabel, Burien
March 4	St. James & St. Columba, Kent

NEW EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEBSITE www.EpiscopalChurch.org.

On December 28, the Episcopal Church unveiled a new welcoming, eye-appealing, easy-to-navigate, experiential website. Key to the new website is the many opportunities for dioceses, congregations, provinces and Episcopalians to post videos and photos of local mission in action.

The new website features a motif of stained glass windows, each of which holds a small piece of our contemporary church and provides many avenues to experience the Episcopal Church, its beliefs and its many ministries.

And, the website is available in Spanish and English.

Among the key features on the home page: What we believe; What we do; Who we are; Ministries; Multimedia; Calendar. New features include: Prayer for the day; Worship; Prayers of the people; Find a church; and Social media.

The Episcopal Church www.episcopalchurch.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/episcopalian

Twitter: twitter.com/iamepiscopalian

YouTube: www.youtube.com/TECtube

TO THE WONDERFUL MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA,

Three things:

1. Thank you
2. Thank you
3. Thank you

First of all, thank you for making our Wine into Water campaign such a great success. Our one-year effort to support the clean water and sanitation efforts of Episcopal Relief & Development exceeded expectations, yielding \$122,000 in donations. That's enough to create water or sanitation systems for 40,000 families in some of the poorest areas of the world. Thousands of lives have been improved, even saved, by your generous support. Thank you!

Secondly, thank you for passing the Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday resolution at Convention, which establishes the first Sunday of Lent as the day we honor and show our support for the work of our international aid organization. This year, Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday is February 26, 2012, but your individual parish or mission can choose any Sunday that works into your church calendar. Lent is an excellent time for prayer, study and action in support of the one billion people who struggle to survive on about \$1/day. Bulletin inserts and further information will be available at www.er-d.org

Third (saving the best for last), thank you for ALL of your generous contributions to Episcopal Relief & Development in 2011. Out of 104 Diocese in the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Olympia ranks 3rd (behind Texas and Los Angeles) with total donations of \$774,657!!!! What amazing grace! We are so blessed- thank you for sharing those blessings.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Peace be with all of you,

Chuck Hamilton

Episcopal Relief & Development Coordinator, Diocese of Olympia

BACH - CANTATA VESPERS

The next offerings of Bach Cantata Vespers at St. James Lutheran church at **5:00 PM** are:

Feb. 26 - Cantata 131

St. James is located at 1315 SW Park Ave in Portland.

Phone: 503-227-2493. Web: stjamespdx.org

Our Music Director, Tim Nickel's wife, Nancy, is the Music Director at St. James, so we know the music will be wonderful!

AROUND TOWN

Columbia Pastoral Counseling Center's 29th Annual Meeting & Dinner

February 26th at 6PM

at St. Luke's Parish Hall

Speaker: Rev. Shelly Fayette,

Associate Priest, Good Shepherd

"Mental Healthcare as a Human Right"

Donations welcome.

Please RSVP to 360-696-1615

CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT - Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, OR

Public Lecture:

Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in Kempton Hall
Diana Butler Bass, author of *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*

The data is clear: religious affiliation is plummeting across the breadth of Christian denominations. And yet interest in "spirituality" is on the rise. So what is behind the sea change in American religion?

Diana Butler Bass—who has spent her career teaching the history, culture, and politics of religion, and engaging church communities across the nation—brings forth her deep knowledge of the latest national studies and polls, along with her own groundbreaking analysis, as she seeks to fully comprehend the decline in Christian attendance and affiliation that started decades ago—and has increased exponentially in recent years.

Some contend that we're undergoing yet another evangelical revival; others suggest that Christian belief and practice is eroding entirely as traditional forms of faith are replaced by new ethical, and are religious, choices. But Bass argues compellingly that we are, instead, at a critical stage in a completely new spiritual awakening, a vast inter-religious progression toward individual and cultural transformation, and a wholly new kind of post religious faith.

Offering direction and hope to individuals and churches, *Christianity After Religion* is Bass's call to approach faith with a newfound freedom that is both life-giving and service driven. And it is a hope-filled plea to see and participate in creating a fresh, vital, contemporary way of faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Daily Food Outreach 10:00 Holy Communion 2:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Adult Choir	2 Daily Food Outreach 8:00 Thursday Crew 10:00 Helping Hands	3 Epiphany Daily Food Outreach 10:00 Worship Committee	4 10:00 Women's Spirituality Group
5 5th Epiphany 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Adult Discussion 9:00 Nursery Care 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Godly Play 10:00 Choral Eucharist 11:15 Coffee Hour 12:30 Guardería de niños 12:30 Clases para niños 1:30 Santa Misa	6 Office Closed	7 Daily Food Outreach 5:00 Outreach Committee 6:30 Vestry Meeting	8 Daily Food Outreach 10:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Scripture Study 2:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Scripture Study 7:30 Adult Choir	9 Daily Food Outreach 8:00 Thursday Crew 10:00 Helping Hands 7:00 Men's Corner	10 Daily Food Outreach	11 6:00 Fabulous Food Fiesta' 6:00 Youth Group
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19 Last Epiphany 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Adult Discussion 9:00 Nursery Care 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Godly Play 10:00 Choral Eucharist 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:15 Godly Play Tour 12:30 Guardería de niños 12:30 Clases para niños 1:30 Santa Misa Messenger Deadline	20 Office Closed <i>Presidents' Day</i>	21 Daily Food Outreach 5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	22 Daily Food Outreach ASH WEDNESDAY Services 6:30 AM (Eng/Spn) 12:00 PM (English) 6:30 PM (English) 7:30 PM (Spanish) 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Adult Choir	23 Daily Food Outreach 8:00 Thursday Crew 10:00 Helping Hands	24 Daily Food Outreach 6:30 Friday Night Live	25 6:00 Youth Group
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Church Office Hours: 9AM-12 PM and 1PM-5 PM Tuesday - Friday

If you have any questions about the calendar, please call the church office.360-696-0181

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